

These are public airways. Greater media consolidation will definitely degrade the public interest by lessening the plurality of voices and opinions that are critically important to the health of a democracy. I oppose taking a vote that leads to more media consolidation. On June 2nd, I urge you to retain the current ownership rules. The increasingly common position by those in favor of such concentration of ownership, whether media or otherwise, as expressed in an interview aired on NPR radio this past week, that essentially those of us opposing this consolidation "don't really understand," and that such changes are "for our own good," is both inaccurate and disturbing. As one of the majority of citizens of our still-democratic country who are generally intelligent, thoughtful people, I have the right and the responsibility to express my perspective, and most importantly, to have my voice and vote represented in the laws by which we are governed.